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SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

27 STEVEN AMES BROWN, CIVIL NO. Cv. 08-02348 VRW  
28 Plaintiff,  
29  
30 v. PLAINTIFF'S MEMORANDUM IN  
31 ANDREW B. STROUD, an individual and OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS'  
32 STROUD PRODUCTIONS AND MOTION TO DISMISS  
33 ENTERPRISES, INC.  
34 Defendants.

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37 Judge: Hon. Vaughn R. Walker

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1  
INTRODUCTION

2 Defendants are subject to specific jurisdiction in the Northern District on multiple  
3 grounds.

4 Defendants intentionally harmed Plaintiff by slandering to third parties his title to a  
5 Nina Simone recording owned by Plaintiff that is the subject of this suit.

6 Defendants purposefully availed themselves of the privilege of doing business in  
7 California by demanding from California residents payment for their use of a Nina Simone  
8 recording that was in fact owned by Plaintiff and is the subject of this suit.

9 Defendant Andrew Stroud harmed Plaintiff by operating an interactive website  
10 accessible in California on which Stroud sold infringing downloads of a sound recording  
11 owned by Plaintiff that is the subject of this suit.

12 Defendants were among those persons who were bound by permanent injunctions  
13 issued in *Nina Simone v. San Juan Music Group*, Cv 94-1288-TEH and *Nina Simone v.*  
14 *Sehorn, et al.*, Cv 95-3590-CAL ("Prior Actions"). With full knowledge of the existence of  
15 the injunctions and their applicability to Defendants, Defendants nevertheless violated the  
16 injunctions by (1) attempting to license a Nina Simone recording owned by Plaintiff that  
17 was the subject of the injunctions and this suit, and (2), by offering for sale to the public  
18 copies of a Nina Simone recording that was the subject of the injunctions and this suit.

19 On a motion to dismiss, the plaintiff's pleadings and declarations are presumed true  
20 and capable of being proven. *Bancroft & Masters v. Augusta Nat. Inc.*, 223 F.2d 1082,  
21 1085 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2000).

22 ARGUMENT

23 **1. Specific Jurisdiction Lies Where A Defendant Harms A Plaintiff He  
24 Knows To Live Within the Forum.**

25 Rather thin is Defendants' analysis of the various bases of specific jurisdiction.

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1           Defendant correctly states that California permits the exercise of personal  
 2 jurisdiction to the full extent permitted by due process. See, Civ. Code § 410.10.

3           Defendant concedes that even in the absence of general jurisdiction, California  
 4 courts may still exercise personal jurisdiction if the case arises out of certain forum-related  
 5 acts, such as purposefully availing oneself of the privilege of conducting activities in the  
 6 forum. Missing from Defendants' memorandum is any detailed discussion of what  
 7 constitutes "purposeful availment."

8           In *Calder v. Jones*, 465 U.S. 783 (1984) the Supreme Court held that foreign acts  
 9 that are both aimed at and have the effect in the forum state satisfied the purposeful  
 10 availment prong of the specific jurisdiction analysis. The defendant must have (1)  
 11 committed an intentional act, (2) which was expressly aimed at the forum state, and (3)  
 12 caused harm, the brunt of which is suffered and which the defendant knows is likely to be  
 13 suffered in the forum state. See, *Panavision Int'l, L.P. v. Toeppen*, 141 F.3d 1316, 1321  
 14 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1998).

15           The concept of "express aiming" was further clarified in *Bancroft & Masters, Inc. v.*  
 16 *Augusta National Inc.*, *supra* at 223 F.3d 1082, 1087 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2000). The requirement "is  
 17 satisfied when the defendant is alleged to have engaged in wrongful conduct targeted at a  
 18 plaintiff whom the defendant knows to be a resident of the forum state." *Ibid.*

19           As discussed below, Defendants have engaged in wrongful conduct that was  
 20 targeted at Plaintiff who they knew to be a resident of California.

21           **A. Defendants Slandered Plaintiff's Title.**

22           Twice, the Ninth Circuit has held that a non-resident defendant who communicates  
 23 with a non-resident third party about a forum resident in a tortious manner can be haled  
 24 into the plaintiff's forum. In *Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. v. Neaves*, 912 F.2d 1062 (9<sup>th</sup>  
 25 Cir. 1990), an Alabama resident who sent a letter to an insurance company outside of  
 26 California, but which sought to defraud a California resident, was subjected to specific

1 jurisdiction in California. In *Brainerd v. Governors of the University of Alberta*, 873 F.2d  
 2 1257 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1989), a Canadian resident who in talking to a non-Arizona resident by  
 3 telephone made defamatory statements about an Arizona resident, was subjected to  
 4 specific jurisdiction in Arizona.

5 In California, the elements of the tort of slander of title are a false and unprivileged  
 6 disparagement of title to personal property resulting in actual pecuniary damage. 5 Witkin,  
 7 *Summary of California Law* (10<sup>th</sup> ed.), *Torts* § 642. Pecuniary damage includes, but is not  
 8 limited to, impairment of the vendibility of title and the expense of suing to remove the  
 9 doubt caused by the disparagement. 5 Witkin, *Summary of California Law* (10<sup>th</sup> ed.), *Torts*  
 10 § 646. The “privilege” is qualified and is defeated by a showing of lack of good faith. 5  
 11 Witkin, *Summary of California Law* (10<sup>th</sup> ed.), *Torts* § 649.

12 No later than 2000, Andrew Stroud admitted to Plaintiff that he and his company,  
 13 Stroud Productions & Enterprises, Inc. had sold any interest it had in 52 recordings that  
 14 were the subject of the injunctions issued by this Court in the Prior Actions and is the  
 15 subject of this lawsuit. Included within those 52 recordings was Nina Simone’s live version  
 16 of *Just in Time*. *Brown Dec.*, ¶¶ 3 – 4.

17 In approximately 2004, the Estate of Nina Simone and Plaintiff licensed the same  
 18 version of *Just in Time* for inclusion in the soundtrack of the motion picture *Before Sunset*.  
 19 *Brown Dec.*, ¶ 6.

20 In June 2005, Stroud Productions & Enterprises, Inc., through its counsel, sent a  
 21 demand letter to Castle Rock Entertainment, Inc. Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. and  
 22 Warner Independent Pictures Co, all in California. *Brown Dec.*, *Exhibit 3*. In that letter  
 23 Stroud claimed that it was “the owner of the sound recording”. Stroud further contended  
 24 that the inclusion of *Just in Time* into the film *Before Sunset* without Stroud’s permission  
 25 was a wrongful act. Stroud further demanded an “accounting” of the film’s exploitation.

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1       That Stroud's 2005 letter can be imputed to Andrew Stroud, the individual, as well  
2 as Stroud Productions & Enterprises, Inc. is obvious from examining the *Answer* filed by  
3 the Defendants. Defendants admit that the corporation "was dissolved in 1981." *Answer*,  
4 ¶ 1. A letter sent in the name of Mr. Stroud's corporation twenty four years after it was  
5 dissolved gives rise to the inference that Andrew Stroud was simply doing business under  
6 a fictitious name, *i.e.*, "Stroud Productions & Enterprises, Inc."

7       Defendants had to have known that the title to *Just in Time* they were challenging  
8 was claimed by Plaintiff for two reasons. First, Andrew Stroud had previously discussed  
9 with Plaintiff the fact that Nina Simone (a California resident) had prevailed in the Prior  
10 Actions and had obtained title from Stroud's successors for the entire catalog that included  
11 *Just in Time* and that Brown had acquired co-ownership from Simone. *Brown Dec.*, ¶¶ 3 –  
12 4. Second, the only way to do the "due diligence" necessary to make a claim against the  
13 film's distributors was to review the film's copyright credits. Without reviewing the  
14 copyright credits on the actual film, one would never know precisely who is responsible for  
15 the soundtrack. The copyright credits for motion pictures are at the end of the closing  
16 credits. Appearing on screen before the film's copyright credits are the music credits. The  
17 agreement between Plaintiff and the film's producers required a music credit for *Just in*  
18 *Time* as being licensed from "The Estate of Nina Simone and Steven Ames Brown."  
19 *Brown Dec.*, ¶ 6. Simply put, anyone who wanted to learn who claimed the copyright in  
20 *Before Sunset* would first have to sit through the music credits, which listed Plaintiff as one  
21 of *Just in Time*'s owners and one of the parties that licensed the recording for use in the  
22 film. Thus, Defendants must have known they were challenging Plaintiff's ownership of  
23 *Just in Time* when they served their demand letter on the film's distributors.

24       The letter disparaged Plaintiff's title to the sound recording *Just in Time* because it  
25 claimed that Stroud was the owner and not Plaintiff. The letter was unprivileged because it  
26 lacked good faith as a matter of law since Andrew Stroud admitted at least five years

earlier that he and his company had previously sold any interest it had ever had in that recording and 51 other titles that are the subject of this lawsuit and he was aware that Nina Simone and Plaintiff had obtained title from Stroud's successors in the Prior Actions. *Brown Dec.*, ¶¶ 3 – 4.

Plaintiff has suffered two types of pecuniary injury. First, as a result of Defendants' adverse claim to ownership of *Just in Time* Plaintiff cannot vend his title because in the music industry a vendor must warrant that there are no known adverse claims and as a result of Defendants' disparagement, there are in fact competing ownership claims. *Brown Dec.*, ¶ 10. Second, Plaintiff has incurred and will continue to incur the costs of this lawsuit to clear the cloud to Plaintiff's title caused by Defendants' disparagement. *Brown Dec.*, ¶ 10.

Further, at the time they made their demand against the film's distributors, Defendants knew that Plaintiff was a resident of California. Stroud telephoned Plaintiff at Plaintiff's listed commercial telephone number in the 415 Area Code. *Brown Dec.*, ¶ 4. Also, Stroud admitted having received and read the injunctions from the Prior Actions, all of which listed Plaintiff's San Francisco address and telephone number on the top of each front page. *Brown, Dec.*, ¶ 4, *Exhibits 1 and 2*.

In *Metropolitan Life, supra*, and *Brainerd, supra*, the Ninth Circuit found specific jurisdiction even though the tortious communications were uttered outside of the forum. The case for specific jurisdiction is even stronger here because the tortious communications were delivered in writing to the offices of three California residents. *Brown Dec.*, Ex. 3. The *actus reus* of slander of title is the publication of the disparagement. Here the publication took place wholly inside California, on three separate occasions.

Finally, this lawsuit arises directly out of Defendants' forum related activities in that the whole purpose of the suit is to clear the cloud Defendants' disparagement placed on

1 Plaintiff's title to the recordings at issue in this lawsuit. Put another way, had Defendants  
 2 not disparaged Plaintiff's ownership of *Just in Time*, Plaintiff would not have had to sue to  
 3 clear his title. *Brown Dec.*, ¶ 10.

4       **2. Defendant Andrew Stroud Committed Infringement in California.**

5       At all times herein relevant defendant Andrew Stroud was the registrant of the  
 6 domain ninasimone.biz. *Brown Dec.*, ¶ 8.

7       Within the past three years, Plaintiff visited Mr. Stroud's domain. The site was  
 8 interactive, i.e., it was not merely a listing of information but permitted visitors to select  
 9 various Nina Simone recordings for listening. It also permitted viewers to purchase a  
 10 download of various Nina Simone recordings. One of the recordings on the website  
 11 available for listening or purchase was the version of *Just in Time* that is the subject of this  
 12 lawsuit. There cannot be any doubt that it was the same version because the website  
 13 specifically stated it was the one in the soundtrack of *Before Sunset*. "Just In Time" is a  
 14 BONUS TRACK of the Nina Simone performance used in the soundtrack of the film  
 15 'Before Sunset'. *Brown Dec.*, ¶ 8.

16       An interactive website that is commercial in nature (rather than merely passively  
 17 posting information) and which permits online commercial transactions, accessible to  
 18 residents of California, is purposeful availment here. *Cybersell, Inc. v. Cybersell, Inc.*, 130  
 19 F.3d 414 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1997). (A website owner did not avail himself of doing business in the  
 20 forum state by an entirely passive web page on which no commercial activity could take  
 21 place that only advertised local performances where the defendant resided.) Previously  
 22 this Court found the fact that a website was interactive and offered infringing commercial  
 23 transactions of "particular" importance in finding specific jurisdiction. *IO Group, Inc. v.*  
 24 *Pivotal, Inc.*, 2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 6673 \* 13, 70 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1458 (ND CA 2004).

25       Here, there is purposeful availment and the recording offered for sale is the very  
 26 subject of this lawsuit. Moreover, Stroud knew that a California resident was the owner of

1 the subject recording. The right that Stroud was invading, Plaintiff's right to reproduce the  
 2 sound recording, is intangible personal property, which by its very nature resides with him  
 3 in California. See, *Sinatra v. National Enquirer, Inc.* 854 F.2d 1191, 1197 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1988)  
 4 (Injury from infringement of singer's intangible right of publicity sustained where he lived  
 5 and conducted his business.)

6       **3.      The Stroud Defendants Are Subject To Specific Jurisdiction Because**  
 7           **They Violated This Court's Injunctions Which Pertain To The Sound**  
 8           **Recordings At Issue Here.**

9       The mandate of an injunction issued by a federal district court runs nationwide and  
 10 violation of an injunctive order is cognizable in the court which issued the injunction  
 11 regardless of where the violation occurred. Enforcement proceedings, direct or collateral,  
 12 must occur in the issuing jurisdiction because contempt is an affront to the court issuing  
 13 the order. *Waffenschmidt v. MacKay*, 763 F.2d 711, 716-717 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1985). (Non-party  
 14 held subject to specific jurisdiction based solely on his knowingly aiding a named party in  
 15 violating an injunction.) The *Waffenschmidt* rationale was adopted in the Ninth Circuit.  
 16 *Rebok Intern. Ltd. v. McLaughlin*, 49 F.3d 1387, 1391-1392 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1995). Of particular  
 17 importance was this passage the Ninth Circuit chose to quote: "[t]he nationwide scope of  
 18 an injunction carries with it the concomitant power of the court to reach out to nonparties  
 19 who knowingly violate its orders." *Rebok* at 49 F.3d 1391.

20       In both cases, the non-parties were not in privity with the named parties until after  
 21 the entry of the injunctions. Thus, non-parties who were virtual strangers to the  
 22 proceedings and the forum were held subject to specific jurisdiction for knowingly aiding a  
 23 named party in violating the injunctions. Here, the argument in favor of the exercise of  
 24 specific jurisdiction is stronger because the Defendants, although not named parties in the  
 25 prior actions, were covered by the injunctions from inception because they had a  
 26 contractual right to share the proceeds with the named defendants at the time the

1       injunctions were entered, i.e., the injunctions prohibited Stroud's contractual scheme to  
 2       exploit the recordings and share the income because at the time they were entered the  
 3       Defendants herein were joint actors with the prior named defendants.

4           Two of the injunctions issued by this Court in the Prior Actions are of particular  
 5       relevance. Attached as *Exhibit 1* and *Exhibit 2*, are injunctions issued in those  
 6       proceedings.

7           All injunctions issued in the two cases have the same phrase, that they are binding  
 8       "upon all persons acting in concert" with the named parties. From the inception of the prior  
 9       lawsuits, these Defendants were acting in concert with the named parties. Defendants  
 10      claimed ownership of a catalog of 52 Nina Simone sound recordings. According to  
 11      Andrew Stroud, he sold the entire catalog retaining onto himself and his company a royalty  
 12      based on the retail selling price of every copy of the recordings manufactured and sold.  
 13      The named defendants in the prior actions were Defendants' successors in interest, the  
 14      persons who were manufacturing and selling the copies and from whom these Stroud  
 15      Defendants had a right to an ongoing royalty from such activities. *Brown Dec.*, ¶¶ 4, 11.

16           More particularly, the "Marshall Sehorn" defendants in *Nina Simone v. Sehorn* were  
 17      Defendants' successors, and the other defendants in that action and *Nina Simone v. San  
      Juan Music Group* were Sehorn's licensees. The Sehorn defendants, the ones who ended  
 18      up with Stroud's (disputed) "title" were contractually obligated to pay ongoing royalties to  
 19      the Stroud Defendants herein, whether those Sehorn defendants exploited the recordings  
 20      or licensed others to do so. The non-Sehorn defendants (who were Sehorn's licensees)  
 21      were obligated to pay royalties to Sehorn, who in turn was contractually obligated to  
 22      account to the Defendants herein. *Brown Dec.*, ¶ 11.

24           The Stroud defendants in this action were at the top of a contractual pyramid and  
 25      entitled to royalties from the manufacture and sale of copies of the 52 Nina Simone  
 26      recordings which were the subject of the sales contract by which Stroud's (disputed) "title"

1 ultimately passed to Sehorn. The commercial exploitation of those 52 recordings (from  
 2 which Stroud directly profited by contract) was the subject of the injunctions in the prior  
 3 Nina Simone actions.

4 Thus, the Stroud defendants herein were acting in concert with the named  
 5 defendants in the Prior Actions at the time the injunctions were entered. The prior  
 6 injunctions had as their dominant purpose the immediate and permanent cessation of any  
 7 further exploitation of those recordings by the named parties who were all in privity with the  
 8 Stroud Defendants herein. By the express terms of the injunctions the Stroud Defendants  
 9 were bound by them, because at all times the Stroud Defendants were acting in concert  
 10 with the prior named defendants. The moment the Stroud Defendants received actual  
 11 notice of the injunctions they were obliged to cease any exploitation of those recordings.  
 12 The injunctions did not instruct third parties to merely desist from assisting named parties  
 13 from violating their terms. The full force of the injunctions applied to all persons who were  
 14 acting in concert with the named defendants, whether their future conduct was joint or  
 15 separate. The Ninth Circuit has made it clear that once bound by an injunction, the forum  
 16 has the power to enforce its orders, even as against non-resident non-parties. "The  
 17 nationwide scope of an injunction carries with it the concomitant power of the court to  
 18 reach out to nonparties who knowingly violate its orders." *Rebok* at 49 F.3d 1391.

19 It matters not whether the injunction is enforced in direct contempt proceedings, or,  
 20 as here, by a collateral action in declaratory relief; for jurisdictional purposes this Court has  
 21 specific jurisdiction over these defendants to enforce its orders.

## 22 CONCLUSION

23 Defendants' slandering of Plaintiff's title to *Just in Time* in three publications  
 24 physically delivered in California, pertaining to someone Defendants knew to be a  
 25 California resident, gives rise to specific jurisdiction in a suit to clear the title Defendants  
 26 clouded by their disparaging letters.

1 Defendants' demands that three California companies account to Defendants for  
2 profits from a film attributable to a recording licensed to those California companies by  
3 Plaintiff, a California resident, gives rise to specific jurisdiction in a California suit to clear  
4 the title Defendants disparaged.

5 Defendant Andrew Stroud's operation of an interactive commercial website which  
6 allowed viewers to both listen to and purchase copies of Plaintiff's recording of *Just in*  
7 *Time*, is an infringement of Plaintiff's rights in intangible property, a tort against Plaintiff  
8 where he lives, and gives rise to specific jurisdiction in a suit to clear Plaintiff's title to the  
9 recording.

10 Finally, Defendants were at all times bound by the injunctions issued in the Prior  
11 Actions and their violation of those injunctions gives rise to specific jurisdiction in a suit to  
12 declare them bound by those injunctions.

13 Dated: July 28, 2008

14 Respectfully submitted,

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16 STEVEN AMES BROWN,  
17 Plaintiff in *pro se*

1                   DECLARATION OF STEVEN AMES BROWN

2 I, STEVEN AMES BROWN, declare:

3                 1. I am the plaintiff in this action.

4                 2. At all times herein mentioned I was an active member of the State Bar of  
5 California and the bar of this Court.

6                 3. I was Nina Simone's attorney in *Nina Simone v. San Juan Music Group*, Cv 94-  
7 1288-TEH and *Nina Simone v. Sehorn, et al.*, Cv 95-3590-CAL. Pursuant to my written  
8 contract with Nina Simone, I received from her a 40% ownership interest in all sound  
9 recordings the title to which was cleared in those lawsuits. I attach as *Exhibit 1* a true copy  
10 of one of the injunctions issued in *Nina Simone v. San Juan Music Group* and as *Exhibit 2*,  
11 a true copy of one of the injunctions issued in *Nina Simone v. Sehorn*.

12                 4. In no later than 2000, I received an unsolicited telephone call from Andrew  
13 Stroud. He called me on my listed commercial number, 415/647-7700. He told me the  
14 purpose of his call was to discuss a possible joint-venture to exploit Nina Simone sound  
15 recordings. During that call Mr. Stroud admitted that he had sold any interest he ever had  
16 in 52 of the recordings he claimed to have received from Nina Simone and retained a  
17 royalty interest. He admitted that the recordings were ultimately sold to companies owned  
18 by Marshall Sehorn and that he had been entitled to receive royalties on all exploitation by  
19 Sehorn's licensees. He also told me he had received copies of the injunctions, had read  
20 them, understood he had no right to exploit recordings listed in those injunctions and  
21 assured me he was proposing the exploitation of different recordings. I pointed out to him  
22 that he could not receive any royalties on the 52 recordings because they were all covered  
23 by the injunctions. I also pointed out to him that the injunctions not only prohibited his  
24 exploitation of those recordings, but prohibited him from attempting to license *any*  
25 recordings embodying Nina Simone's voice. I concluded the call by summarizing for Mr.  
26 Stroud that he was essentially out of the Nina Simone business and that if we found out he

1 was in any manner participating in the exploitation of any Nina Simone recordings, I was  
2 certain that Nina would sue him.

3       5. Nina Simone passed away on April 21, 2003 and as of her death, I had no  
4 knowledge of Mr. Stroud exploiting or attempting to exploit any Nina Simone recordings.

5       6. One of the sound recordings which was the subject of all the injunctions is Nina  
6 Simone's live recording of *Just in Time*. In 2004, a license was issued on behalf of the  
7 Estate of Nina Simone and me, authorizing the synchronization of *Just in Time* in the  
8 motion picture *Before Sunset*, which was to be distributed by Castle Rock and two Warner  
9 Bros., companies all of which I know to have their principal places of business in  
10 California. The license required a music credit that the recording was licensed from "The  
11 Estate of Nina Simone and Steven Ames Brown."

12       7. In 2005, Andrew Stroud, apparently doing business under the name of Stroud  
13 Productions & Enterprises, Inc., served a demand letter on Castle Rock and two Warner  
14 Bros. companies, all in California, concerning the version of *Just in Time* synchronized into  
15 *Before Sunset*. Attached as *Exhibit 3* is a true copy of the demand letter that was  
16 forwarded to me by Warner Bros.

17       8. Within the last three years I have personally seen a website, which I knew to  
18 have been registered to "Andy Stroud" at his home address of 5900 Arlington Avenue,  
19 Bronx, New York, which sold downloadable copies of the version of *Just in Time* that was  
20 the subject of the injunctions and was embodied in the motion picture *Before Sunset*. I  
21 accessed the website, ninasimone.biz, from San Francisco. I activated the "listen" button  
22 and heard an excerpt from the recording of which I am an owner and I added the selection  
23 to the purchase "cart" thereby verifying that it was in fact for sale on that website. I also  
24 knew the version of *Just in Time* on that website was the same version that is the subject  
25 of this lawsuit because it was identified as being the same. On ninasimone.biz I saw the  
26 following notation concerning *Just in Time*. "'Just in Time' is a BONUS TRACK of the Nina

1 Simone performance used in the soundtrack of the film ‘Before Sunset’. On July 20,  
 2 2008, I ran another “who is” ownership check on the domain and Andy Stroud was still  
 3 listed as the ninasimone.biz registrant, *i.e.*, registered owner.

4       9. I believe that Defendants are claiming ownership of 52 of the recordings covered  
 5 by the injunctions, and not just the track *Just in Time*, based on the following facts. First,  
 6 Mr. Stroud confirmed that he had transferred all his interest in those 52 recordings and  
 7 since he is now claiming ownership of one of those recordings (apparently disputing that  
 8 he ever sold the catalog), the other 51 recordings would appear to remain in the same  
 9 catalog. Second, Mr. Stroud’s attorney, Adam R. Bialek (of the same firm that represents  
 10 him here), told Dorothy Weber (the attorney I retained to defend Castle Rock and the  
 11 Warner Bros. companies against Stroud’s claims) that Mr. Stroud intended to commence a  
 12 number of law suits concerning the 52 recordings because he claims he owns them.  
 13 Dorothy Weber repeated the statements to me. <sup>1</sup>

14       10. As a result of Defendants’ demand upon Castle Rock and the two Warner Bros.  
 15 companies, *Exhibit 3*, my ability to sell any of the subject 52 titles has been effectively  
 16 foreclosed. I have been involved in the negotiation of transfers of sound recordings for  
 17 over 25 years. It is the custom and practice in the industry for the seller to warrant there  
 18 are no known adverse claims to ownership of any of the titles being sold. As a result of  
 19 Defendants having sent *Exhibit 3*, I cannot make any such warranty of clear title. I have  
 20 also agreed to compensate the law firm of Cannata, Ching & O’Toole, LLP for their  
 21 services in connection with the prosecution of this action to clear my title. Had Defendants  
 22 not caused *Exhibit 3* to be published to third parties or otherwise pursued the film  
 23 companies for money claiming they, and not I, owned *Just in Time*, I would not have had  
 24 any reason to file this lawsuit.

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25       26 <sup>1</sup> [These statements are not offered to prove the truth of the matter asserted, but merely to  
 prove that Stroud’s authorized representative is claiming that Mr. Stroud is the sole owner  
 of the 52 recordings and intends to initiate lawsuits for infringement of his alleged rights.]

11. The defendants joined in the actions which resulted in *Exhibits 1* and *2*, consisted of two groups. One group consisted of companies owned by Marshall Sehorn. They were the ultimate successors to Defendants' alleged "chain of title" to the 52 recordings at issue. The second group of defendants consisted of Sehorn's licenses. I knew this to be true because I personally inspected all the licensing files produced by the defendants in those actions during our settlement negotiations.

Pursuant to the laws of the United States, I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: July 28, 2008

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9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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11 NINA SIMONE, CIVIL NO. CV-94-1288-TEH  
12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 SAN JUAN MUSIC GROUP,  
15 MUSICRENT, INC. THE LONG ISLAND JUDGMENT & PERMANENT  
16 MUSIC COMPANY LTD., TRING INJUNCTION  
INTERNATIONAL PLC,  
DOES I-XX, inclusive,

17 Defendants.  
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20 Upon the agreement of the parties in their *Stipulation For Entry of Judgment*, it  
21 is by this Court ordered and adjudged this day:

22 1. The Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter hereof and the parties to the  
23 *Stipulation For Entry of Judgment*.

24 2. The provisions of this Judgment are applicable to and binding upon San  
25 Juan Music Group and Musicrent, Inc. along with Jay Chernow and Michael Chernow  
26 San Juan, and each of them, and upon all persons acting in concert with them, who

1 have actual or constructive notice of same (collectively known as "San Juan").

2       3. San Juan, their officers, agents, servants, employees, and all persons acting  
3 in concert or participation with them, and each of them, are perpetually enjoined from  
4 doing, or attempting to do, or causing to be done, either directly or indirectly, by any  
5 means, method or device, whether presently known or hereafter to be devised, any  
6 and all of the following acts or practices:

7           A. Manufacturing or vending any items which bear the name "Nina  
8 Simone", without the written consent of Nina Simone, or her lawful representative,  
9 first had and obtained.

10          B. Manufacturing or vending any items which bear the likeness of Nina  
11 Simone, without the written consent of Nina Simone, or her lawful representative,  
12 first had and obtained.

13          C. Manufacturing or vending any items which bear the voice or any  
14 musical performance by Nina Simone, without the written consent of Nina Simone, or  
15 her lawful representative, first had and obtained.

16          D. Soliciting or authorizing any person, firm or entity to perform any of  
17 the acts prohibited in subsections "A" through "C" above, without the written  
18 consent of Nina Simone, or her lawful representative, first had and obtained.

19        4. Nina Simone shall recover the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00),  
20 which such sum shall include all costs awarded to her and paid and delivered to  
21 "Steven Ames Brown Client Trust."

22        5. All licenses heretofore made by San Juan, or anyone acting in concert with  
23 them, or any of them, which authorizes any form of exploitation of any sound  
24 recordings bearing the name, voice and/or musical performances of Nina Simone  
25 ("Licenses"), are hereby modified as follows:

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1                   A. The Licenses in effect on June 1, 1994 shall terminate on December  
2 1, 1995, unless earlier terminated by the terms thereof;

3                   B. The authority to manufacture sound recordings pursuant to any  
4 Licenses in effect on June 1, 1994 expires on May 31, 1995, unless earlier  
5 terminated by the terms thereof;

6                   C. The authority pursuant to any Licenses in effect on June 1, 1994 to  
7 sell off inventory expires on December 1, 1995, unless earlier terminated by the terms  
8 thereof;

9                   D. All statements and royalties due under any Licenses shall be delivered  
10 to Steven Ames Brown at 69 Grand View Avenue, San Francisco, California 94114-  
11 2741. All royalty payments shall be payable to Steven Ames Brown & Jon S. Heim  
12 until December 1, 1995 which such royalties shall be shared equally by Nina Simone  
13 and San Juan. No portion of any royalties accruing under any Licenses after  
14 December 1, 1995 inures to the benefit of San Juan.

15                  E. San Juan shall use their best efforts to ensure that all royalties owing  
16 under any Licenses are timely and accurately paid as directed in subparagraph D  
17 above. San Juan shall for diligently and thoroughly pursue any acts of underpayment  
18 of royalties or untimely delivery of accountings, at their own cost. Without limiting  
19 the foregoing duty, if after 30 days written notice of default to San Juan and/or any  
20 of the Licensees that a default by any Licensee in the performance of any obligation  
21 imposed by any license has not been satisfactorily performed, Nina Simone may, in  
22 her own name and without further notice or obligation to San Juan in respect thereto,  
23 enforce the obligation.

24                  6. San Juan has transferred, sold and assigned to Nina Simone, all their right,  
25 title and interest in and to any and all sound recordings embodying any vocal and/or  
26 musical performances by Nina Simone, including but not limited to: *Do Nothing Till*

1 *You Hear From Me, I Got It Bad & That Ain't Good, Hey Buddy Bolden, Something To*  
 2 *Live For, You Better Know It, I Like The Sunrise, Solitude, The Gal From Joe's, Satin*  
 3 *Doll, It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing, Black is The Color, Since My*  
 4 *Love Is Gone, Blue Prelude, Spring Is Here, I Loves You Porgy, When I Was A Young*  
 5 *Girl, Near To You, The Thrill Is Gone, Little Liza Jane, Here Comes The Sun, My Way,*  
 6 *Fine And Mellow, Nina's Blues, Work Song, Angel of Morning, Ain't Got No/I Got Life,*  
 7 *You Can Have Him (I Don't Want Him), Peace Of Mind, Don't Take All Night, Four*  
 8 *Women, "No Opportunity Necessary, No Experience Needed," Summertime, How*  
 9 *Long Must I Wander, Please Lead Me, Wild Is The Wind, Trouble In Mind, After*  
 10 *You've Gone, Nobody, I Want A Little Sugar In My Bowl, Ne Me Quitte Pas, Don't Let*  
 11 *Me Be Misunderstood, Just In Time, Sea Lion Woman, House of the Rising Sun,*  
 12 *Remind Me, Gin House Blues, Backlash Blues, Assignment Song, "To Be Young,*  
 13 *Gifted And Black," Ain't No Use, How Can I Make Him Love Me, I Am Blessed,*  
 14 *Laziest Gal In Town, For All We Know, Night Song (the "Masters.")*

15       7. Within 14 days hereof, San Juan shall deliver to Nina Simone, in care of her  
 16 attorney, Steven Ames Brown:

17           A. Each "master recording" (as that phrase is utilized in the recorded  
 18 music industry) which embodies a performance by Nina Simone, or bears the name  
 19 Nina Simone or contains a likeness of Nina Simone; each "outtake" (as that phrase is  
 20 utilized in the recorded music industry) which embodies a performance by Nina  
 21 Simone, or bears the name Nina Simone or contains a likeness of Nina Simone; all  
 22 packages, boxes, wrappers, board labels, track sheets, packing slips and each and  
 23 every other item which identifies the contents of each box or container pertaining to  
 24 each "master recording" or "outtake."

25           B. All licenses ever made which pertain to any recordings embodying a  
 26 vocal or musical performance by Nina Simone, or references the name Nina Simone,

1 unredacted.

2 C. All royalty statements ever created concerning any items embodying a  
3 vocal or musical performance by Nina Simone or references the name Nina Simone,  
4 that were generated for any one and for any purpose, unredacted.

5 8. Within 14 days hereof, San Juan shall deliver a notice to each of its  
6 licensees stating that effective September 30, 1994 all royalty statements and  
7 payments are to be delivered to Steven Ames Brown at 69 Grand View Avenue, San  
8 Francisco, California 94114-2741 and all royalties are to be payable to Steven Ames  
9 Brown & Jon S. Heim. A copy of each notice shall simultaneously be sent to Nina  
10 Simone in care of her attorney, Steven Ames Brown, at his address above.

11 9. All parties hereto shall bear their own costs and attorney's fees.

12 10. Nina Simone shall take no further action against any of defendant's  
13 licensees, timely disclosed pursuant to paragraph 7.B., including but not limited to  
14 Tring International PLC and/or The Long Island Music Company in respect of the  
15 Masters, except as provided for herein.

16 11. Except as provided for herein, Nina Simone shall not license any of the  
17 Masters to any of San Juan's licensees timely disclosed to Simone by San Juan as  
18 provided for in paragraphs 7.B. & C., for any period commencing before December 1,  
19 1995.

20 Dated: March 6, 1995

21 It is so ordered:

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24 THELTON E. HENDERSON

25 Hon. Thelton E. Henderson, C.J.  
United States District Court Judge

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7 NINA SIMONE,

8 Plaintiff,

9 V.

10 MARSHALL SEHORN, an individual and  
11 *dba* RED DOG EXPRESS & WHITE DOG  
12 RECORDS; EXCELL MUSIC, INC.;  
13 WHITE DOG RECORDS, LTD.; RED DOG  
14 EXPRESS, INC.; ANTHONY SANUCCI,  
15 an individual; JERRY WILLIAMS *dba*  
16 SWAMP DOG ENTERTAINMENT GROUP;  
17 THE MUSIC WORKS, LTD, *dba* TOMATO  
18 RECORDS

CIVIL NO. C-95-3590-CAL

JUDGMENT & PERMANENT  
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19 Defendants.  
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22 Upon the agreement of the parties in their *Stipulation For Entry of Judgment*, and  
23 taking into consideration the *Declaration of Steven Ames Brown*, the Court finds there is  
24 no just reason for delaying the entry of judgment upon the *Stipulation* and the Court orders  
25 that judgment be entered forthwith;

26 IT IS BY THIS COURT ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THIS DAY:

1       1. The Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter hereof and the parties hereto,  
2 including Barbara Darcy who has voluntarily submitted herself to the jurisdiction of this  
3 Court.

4       2. The provisions of judgment are applicable to and binding upon Marshall Sehorn,  
5 Red Dog Express, Inc., White Dog Records, Ltd., Excel Music, Inc. and Barbara Darcy  
6 (collectively "Sehorn") and upon all persons acting in concert with them who have actual  
7 or constructive notice of hereof.

8       3. Nina Simone is the sole and exclusive owner of the copyrights and all other  
9 rights of reproduction of the sound recordings embodying her vocal and/or musical  
10 performances of the compositions: *Do Nothing Till You Hear From Me, I Got It Bad & That*  
11 *Ain't Good, Hey Buddy Bolden, Something To Live For, You Better Know It, I Like The*  
12 *Sunrise, Solitude, The Gal From Joe's, Satin Doll, It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Got That*  
13 *Swing, Black is The Color, Since My Love Is Gone, Blue Prelude, Spring Is Here, I Loves*  
14 *You Porgy, When I Was A Young Girl, Near To You, The Thrill Is Gone, Little Liza Jane,*  
15 *Here Comes The Sun, My Way, Fine And Mellow, Nina's Blues, Work Song, Angel of*  
16 *Morning, Ain't Got No/I Got Life, You Can Have Him (I Don't Want Him), Peace Of Mind,*  
17 *Don't Take All Night, Four Women, "No Opportunity Necessary, No Experience Needed,"*  
18 *Summertime, How Long Must I Wander, Please Lead Me, Wild Is The Wind, Trouble In*  
19 *Mind, After You've Gone, Nobody, I Want A Little Sugar In My Bowl, Ne Me Quitte Pas,*  
20 *Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood, Just In Time, Sea Lion Woman, House of the Rising Sun,*  
21 *Remind Me, Gin House Blues, Backlash Blues, Assignment Song, "To Be Young, Gifted*  
22 *And Black," Ain't No Use, How Can I Make Him Love Me, I Am Blessed, Laziest Gal In*  
23 *Town, For All We Know, Night Song, That's All I Want From You; Cotton Eyed Joe; I Wish*  
24 *I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free; But Beautiful; Tell Me More & More & Then Some;*  
25 *This Year's Kisses; Strange Fruit; Don't Explain; Pigfoot And A Bottle of Beer; Love Me Or*  
26 *Leave Me, The Other Woman, Devil's Workshop, The Way I Love You, Life, One More*

1     *Sunday in Savannah, I'll Look Around, Blues, When I Was In My Prime, Zungo, Nobody*  
 2     *Wants You, I Love To Love, Ding Song, I Love My Baby, Sinneman, Pirate Jenny, For*  
 3     *Awhile, You Took My Teeth, Do What You Gotta Do, Mississippi Goddamn, I Sing Just To*  
 4     *Know That I'm Alive, My Baby Just Cares For Me, It's Cold Out Here, Fodder On Her*  
 5     *Wings, Touching And Caring, Saratoga, You Must Have Another Lover, Flo Me La, I'm*  
 6     *Blue, In The Evening By Moonlight, He Was Too Good To Me, Children Go Where I Send*  
 7     *You, Buzzin, Ya Betcha, Lovin' Woman, "Baubles, Bangles and Beads," Bouncin' Back*  
 8     *Pepper Pie, Rug Cutter, Black Swan, Twelfth of Never, Will I find My Love Today, Samson*  
 9     *And Delilah, You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To, If He Changed My Name, Day And*  
 10    *Night and all alternate versions, excerpts, and outtakes thereof and all artwork pertaining*  
 11    thereto ("Master Recordings").

12           4. Sehorn, their officers, agents, servants, employees, heirs, successors and all  
 13    persons acting in concert or participation with them, or any of them, are perpetually  
 14    enjoined from doing, or attempting to do, or causing to be done, either directly or indirectly,  
 15    by any means, method or device, whether presently known or hereafter to be devised, any  
 16    and all of the following acts or practices:

17               A. Manufacturing or vending any items which bear the name "Nina Simone",  
 18    without the written consent of Nina Simone, or her lawful representative, first had and  
 19    obtained after this date.

20               B. Manufacturing or vending any items which bear the likeness of Nina  
 21    Simone, without the written consent of Nina Simone, or her lawful representative, first had  
 22    and obtained after this date.

23               C. Manufacturing or vending any items which bear the voice or any musical  
 24    performance by Nina Simone, without the written consent of Nina Simone, or her lawful  
 25    representative, first had and obtained after this date.

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1                   D. Soliciting or authorizing any person, firm or entity to perform any of the  
2 acts prohibited in subsections "A" through "C" above, without the written consent of Nina  
3 Simone, or her lawful representative, first had and obtained after this date.

4                   5. Within 14 days hereof, Sehorn shall deliver to Nina Simone, in care of her  
5 attorney, Steven Ames Brown:

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10 name Nina Simone or contains a likeness of Nina Simone; all artwork, packages, boxes,  
11 wrappers, board labels, track sheets, packing slips and each and every other item which  
12 identifies the contents of each box or container pertaining to each "master recording" or  
13 "outtake" which are in Sehorn's possession or control.

14                   B. All originals of licenses ever made which pertain to any recordings  
15 embodying a vocal or musical performance by Nina Simone, or references the name Nina  
16 Simone, unredacted, which are in Sehorn's possession or control.

17                   C. All originals of royalty statements ever created concerning any items  
18 embodying a vocal or musical performance by Nina Simone or references the name Nina  
19 Simone, that were generated for any one and for any purpose, unredacted, which are in  
20 Sehorn's possession or control.

21                   10. Nina Simone has reserved all her rights against all others.

22                   Dated: 7/10/98

23                   IT IS SO ORDERED:

24                   Charles A. Tegge

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This office represents the interests of Stroud Productions and Enterprises, Inc. ("Stroud"), the owner of the sound recording including the copyright therein, embodying the performance by Nina Simone of the composition entitled "Just In Time" (the "Work"), such performance being recorded at the Montreux Jazz Festival in or about June 1968.

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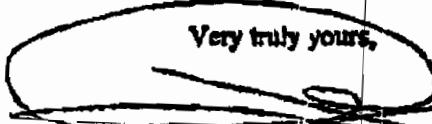
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